

HOUSE BILL 659  
By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 221, Part 3 and Title 69, Chapter 3, Part  
1, relative to water quality control.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

**§ 69-3-138.** In order to assure the future quality of potable drinking water  
supplies throughout the state, the department of environment and conservation shall  
perform a thorough and ongoing study of, and shall prepare comprehensive  
recommendations for, the preservation and protection of forested watersheds and the  
control of non-point sources of pollution. Initial findings and recommendations shall be  
presented to the governor and the general assembly no later than February 1, 2006, and  
annually thereafter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.